

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1 and 5-9, CANCEL claim 2, and ADD new claims _____ in accordance with the following:

1 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A certifying system, comprising:
a registering device registering common certificate information in common with a plurality of services;
a receiving device receiving certificate information of a user when the user accesses a particular service of the plurality of services;
a determining device determining whether ~~or not~~ the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information; and
a permitting device permitting the user to utilize the particular service when the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information;
a storing device storing identification information and password information for the particular service;
a certifying device certifying the user based on the identification information and the password information; and
an issuing device issuing the common certificate information to the user when said certifying device has successfully certified the user.

2 (CANCELLED)

3 (ORIGINAL) The certifying system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
a storing device storing identification information and password information for the particular service;
a certifying device certifying the user based on the identification information and the password information; and
an invalidating device for invalidating the common certificate information when said certifying device has successfully certified the user.

4 (ORIGINAL) The certifying system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
an available service managing device registering the plurality of services as available services with the common certificate information.

5 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A terminal unit, comprising:
a transmitting device transmitting common certificate information in common with a plurality of services when a user accesses a particular service of the plurality of services; and
a service utilizing device providing the particular service to the user when the user has been successfully certified based on the common certificate information;
a storing device storing identification information and password information for the particular service;
a certifying device certifying the user based on the identification information and the password information; and
an issuing device issuing the common certificate information to the user when said certifying device has successfully certified the user.

6 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium on which a program for a computer is recorded, said program causing the computer to perform:
storing identification information and password information for a particular service;
certifying a user based on the identification information and the password information;
issuing a common certificate information to the user upon successfully certifying the user;
receiving the common certificate information of ~~a~~ the user when the user accesses ~~a~~ the particular service of a plurality of services;
determining whether ~~or not~~ the certificate information of the user corresponds to common certificate information in common with the plurality of services; and
permitting the user to utilize the particular service when the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information.

7 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A certifying method, comprising:
pre-registering common certificate information in common with a plurality of services;
determining whether ~~or not~~ certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information when the user accesses a particular service of the plurality of services;

and

permitting the user to utilize the particular service when the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information;

storing identification information and password information for the particular service;

certifying the user based on the identification information and the password information;

and

issuing the common certificate information to the user upon successfully certifying the user.

8 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A certifying system, comprising:

registering means for registering common certificate information in common with a plurality of services;

receiving means for receiving certificate information of a user when the user accesses a particular service of the plurality of services;

determining means for determining whether ~~or not~~ the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information; and

permitting means for permitting the user to utilize the particular service when the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information;

storing identification information and password information for the particular service;

certifying the user based on the identification information and the password information;

and

issuing the common certificate information to the user upon successfully certifying the user.

9 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A propagation signal for propagating a program to a computer, the program causing the computer to perform:

receiving certificate information of a user when the user accesses a particular service of a plurality of services;

determining whether ~~or not~~ the certificate information of the user corresponds to common certificate information in common with the plurality of services; and

permitting the user to utilize the particular service when the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information;

storing identification information and password information for the particular service;

certifying the user based on the identification information and the password information;

and

issuing the common certificate information to the user upon successfully certifying the user.

10. (NEW) A method for prohibiting use of common certificate information with a particular service, comprising:

receiving certificate information input by a user and determining whether the certificate information input by the user corresponds to the common certificate information;

validating use of the particular service using the received common certificate upon determining that the certificate information input by the user corresponds to the common certificate information; and

prompting the user to indicate whether use of the common certificate information with the particular service should be prohibited upon validating use of the particular service with the presented common certificate.

11. (NEW) An authentication method for accessing a plurality of service servers having respective identification and password information using a common certificate information, comprising:

generating user information management table having the respective identification and password information of the plurality of service servers for each user; and

issuing the common certificate information in relation to each of the plurality of service servers upon authenticating the user based on user's input of the respective identification and password information of the plurality of service servers, wherein the user is subsequently enabled to access each of the plurality of service servers using the common certificated information.

12. (NEW) A certifying method to allow use of a common certificate information with a plurality of services, comprising:

linking the common certificate information to each of the plurality of services upon authentication of a user based on respective password and identification information of the plurality of services; and

authorizing use of the plurality of services based on the common certificate information.